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In re	:
Russell, et al.	:
Application No. 09/667,947	: DECISION REGARDING
Filed: September 22, 2000	: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Patent No. 6,896,881	: AND
Issued: May 24, 2005	: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE
	: CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

This decision is in response to the "LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT", filed August 19, 2005, requesting correction of the patent term adjustment (PTA) indicated on the patent.

The request is GRANTED.

The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent is to be corrected by issuance of a certificate of correction showing a revised Patent Term Adjustment of **three hundred seventy (370) days**.

On May 24, 2005, the above-identified application matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,896,881. The patent issued with a Patent Term Adjustment of for hundred nineteen (419) days.

However, as pointed out in the application for patent term adjustment, there was an error in the determination of the PTA. Patentees direct the Office's attention to the fact that applicants filed drawings after the Notice of Allowance, and accordingly, should have been assessed applicant delay of forty-nine (49) days.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment is **three hundred seventy (370) days** (610 days of PTO delay, reduced by 240 days of applicant delay).

Accordingly, issuance of a certificate of correction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 254 and 37 C.F.R. §1.322 is appropriate.

Give the basis for granting this decision, no fee is required and none has been charged. The Office thanks Patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this matter to the attention of the Office.

The application file is being forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of a certificate of correction in order to rectify the error regarding the patent term information.

See 35 U.S.C. 254 and 37 C.F.R. §1.322. The certificate of correction will indicate that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by **three hundred seventy (370) days**, subject to any disclaimers.

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Enclosure: draft Certificate of Correction